

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM  
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## FOREWORD

The San Joaquin River system has tremendous social, environmental, and economic value to the people of California for many consumptive and nonconsumptive beneficial purposes. The San Joaquin River system provides for flood protection; agricultural, municipal, and industrial uses; hydrologic power; fish and wildlife; recreation; and navigation.

Too frequently independent, uncoordinated actions pit some beneficial uses of water against others, with a resultant loss in the river system's overall general health.

Assembly Bill 3603, Chapter 1068, was introduced to stem further deterioration in the river system and develop consensus-based solutions to water use problems in the system.

This report describes the progress of the San Joaquin River Management Program. The report also describes what the legislation charges the program with, how the program is organized, what has been accomplished during the past year, and the problems encountered along the way.

This report is the first annual report as required by the legislation. A final report is due by January 1, 1995.

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